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DEPUTIES' MEETING

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Colonel White,
Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Kent, [redacted]

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MR. DULLES:

a. Asked Mr. Sheldon to furnish him a list of the "White House International Situation Room" watch officers together with a brief biography on each. In response to a query from the Director, Mr. Sheldon stated he did not believe that the Department of Defense has a representative at the White House International Situation Room.

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c. Referred to two cables he had read over the weekend from the Army Attaché in Teheran and asked [redacted] to insure that copies are brought to the attention of Chief, NE Division.

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d. Referred to Mr. Garrison's report on logistics for the recent Cuban operation and commented while it was a well-done paper, it did not provide the information he desired, i.e. the exact amount of funds to be charged to the Cuban project - in short, how much did this program cost CIA. After some discussion Colonel White undertook to write a memorandum and also at the Director's request will look into the necessity of keeping sufficient supplies on hand to equip a [redacted] man force (Project [redacted])

e. Referred to a cable from Chief of Station, [redacted] and commented he was not sure it was necessary for [redacted] to return to headquarters during the forthcoming visit of Amb. [redacted] The Director commented that in view of recent reports from [redacted] there are a number of things to be ironed out in connection with our program in [redacted] and it would appear to him it would be better for [redacted] to come to headquarters after such action has been accomplished. ACTION: Mr. Barnes to discuss with [redacted]

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It was pointed out that in the above-mentioned message the Ambassador apparently questioned the Director's authority to order Chief of Station to return to headquarters, indicating that such orders should come from the Secretary of State to the Ambassador. The Director commented that he had noted this and it would be another item to discuss with Amb. [redacted] while he is in Washington. In this connection, the Director asked [redacted] to determine who authorizes travel of [redacted]

f. Noted a cable from the Chief of Station [redacted] concerning the situation in the [redacted] and Mr. Barnes commented that we had received reports from the [redacted] exiles in New York and that [redacted] had been asked to represent that country in its public relations in the United States. Mr. [redacted] queried whether this information should be passed to the FBI and after some discussion Mr. Dulles directed that we should take this matter up with the Department of State. *action - Mr. Barnes.*

g. Asked whether an intelligence memorandum should be prepared on the situation in Iran and Mr. Kent noted that an estimate on this country was approved by USIB at its meeting on 23 May 1961. He commented however that Iran at the moment is a continuing current intelligence problem.

h. Referred to a report by SRS setting forth its next five-year plan and after some discussion it was agreed that the IG would discuss with the DD/I upon his return the proposal to make this unit surplus. It was further agreed that at the time recommendations are furnished the Director on this matter, the recommendations would also be made as to how the Agency shall marshall and combine its resources on the USSR and the Bloc.



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j. Referred to the task of providing the President intelligence during his forthcoming trip. Mr. Sheldon noted that an internal White House memorandum indicated that State, Defense and Joint Chiefs of Staff can deal directly with the President while CIA, as it now stands, will furnish intelligence items to the White House International Situation Room which in turn will select items to be forwarded to the President. ACTION: The Director undertook to speak to Mr. Bundy about this.

MR. KENT:

Reported that ONE had contributed intelligence support to four NSC Task Forces on various countries and stated that since CIA is usually represented on such Task Forces from DD/P that any intelligence support required be brought immediately to his attention. ACTION: Mr. Barnes

COLONEL WHITE:

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a. Referred to a paper prepared by DD/P regarding additional funds for [redacted] and after some discussion it was agreed that further work was required before submitting this proposal to the Director for his consideration. ACTION: DD/S and Mr. Barnes

b. Referred to the discussion at the Deputies' Meeting on 26 May regarding the Career Service and noted that this matter had been raised at a Deputies' Meeting ~~in~~ February 1961. The Director commented that he did not recall his being asked to abolish the Career Service. Colonel White remarked that such was not in fact the case, but the Legal Counsel had found a loophole in the current regulations and it was thought best that they be revoked and new regulations substituted therefor. He said at no time was it considered that the Career Service as such would be inoperative but rather during the period of re-writing the regulations, the various panels were instructed and had been following the usual Career Service procedure.

MR. KIRKPATRICK:

a. Reported that the proposed letter to Senator Fulbright regarding the establishment of a Joint Committee on CIA had been discussed with Mr. Mike Feldman who wanted to further discuss it with Mr. Bundy. Mr. Kirkpatrick said Mr. Feldman did not have an opportunity to do

this pending Mr. Bundy's return from accompanying the President during his trip to Europe. This information has been conveyed to Senator Fulbright and there is no objection on his part.

b. Raised the question of Senior Staff Meeting on Monday, 5 June. The Director commented since he would be out of the city on that day, he would decide later whether the meeting should be held later in the month.

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